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SUBJECT : Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight  
(ATSD( IO))

References: (a) Title 10, United States Code  
(b) DoD Directive 5148.11, "Assistant to the Secretary of Defense ( Intelligence Oversight )," December 1, 1982 (hereby canceled)  
(c) Executive Order 12333, "United States Intelligence Activities, " December 4, 1981  
(d) DoD Directive 5240.1, "DoD Intelligence Activities, " April 25, 1988  
(e) through ( k), see enclosure 1

A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

Under the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Section 113 of reference (a), this Directive reissues reference (b) to update the responsibilities, **functions**, relationships, and authorities of the **ATSD( IO)** , as prescribed herein.

B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (**OSD**), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components" ).

C. DEFINITION

**Propriety.** Refers to the standards for intelligence activities promulgated in Executive orders, Presidential Directives, and DoD Directives. Other terms used herein are defined in references (c), (d), and (e).

D. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Ass istant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Overs ight shall be responsible for the independent oversight of all intelligence activities in the Department of Defense. In this capacity, the **ATSD( IO)** shall ensure that all activities performed by intelligence units and all intelligence activities performed by non-intelligence units, are conducted in compliance with Federal law and other laws as appropriate, Executive orders and President ial Directives, and DoD Directives System issuances. In the exercise of this responsibility, the **ATSD( IO)** shall:

1. Develop intelligence oversight policy and, in coordination with the General Counsel of the Department of Defense (GC, DoD), issue intelligence oversight guidance to the DoD intelligence components, including regulatory guidance implementing intelligence oversight aspects of E.O. 12333 (reference (c)).

2. Review, in consultation with the GC, DoD, all allegations that raise questions of the legality or propriety of intelligence activities in the Department of Defense.

3. Investigate intelligence activities that raise questions of legality or propriety.

4. Conduct vigorous and independent inspections of the DoD Components that engage in intelligence activities for the purpose of verifying that personnel are familiar and in compliance with E.O. 12333 (reference (c)) and its DoD implementing documents. At the request of senior leadership of the Department, and as practicable, the ATSD(IO) will assess and evaluate the performance of DoD's intelligence activities during the course of scheduled inspections and site visits. Reports in these areas of special interest will be provided to the requesting official and the Secretary of Defense for information.

5. Monitor investigations and inspections conducted by the DoD Components related to intelligence activities, evaluate the findings and, if appropriate, submit recommendations for corrective action to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

6. Report the following to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Intelligence Oversight Board of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, established under E.O. 12863 (reference (f)), at least quarterly, in consultation with the GC, DoD:

a. Any significant oversight activities undertaken; and

b. Any DoD intelligence activities of questionable legality or propriety, the investigative action on them, an evaluation of completed investigations, and the action taken on completed investigations.

7. Participate as a member of the Defense Counterintelligence Board (DoD Directive 5240.2, reference (g)).

8. Pursuant to DoD Directive 5240.12 (reference (h)), review and conduct an annual financial audit of all funds generated by DoD Intelligence Commercial Activities, and report the results to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence.

9\* Review DoD clandestine intelligence activities to ensure compliance with special constraints and controls.

10. Evaluate the effectiveness of the DoD intelligence components' efforts to protect HUMINT sources, in accordance with DoD Directive S-5205.1 (reference (i)).

11. Participate in the Sensitive Reconnaissance Operations approval process.

12. Conduct liaison with Federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies (e.g., Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Drug Enforcement Administration) at the national level and field locations, as required, to ensure DoD intelligence activities and DoD intelligence support to law enforcement agencies are being conducted properly.

13. Review the DoD sensitive support provided to the DoD Components and other Federal Agencies, pursuant to DoD Directive s-5210.36 (reference (j)), to ensure compliance with DoD policy.

14. Coordinate, as appropriate, with the DoD Inspector General (DoD IG) on matters relating to the DoD IG's area of responsibility in accordance with DoD Directive 5106.1 (reference (k)).

15. Perform such other functions as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

#### E. RELATIONSHIPS

1. In the performance of assigned responsibilities and functions, the ATSD(IO) shall serve under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, and shall:

a. Report directly to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

b. Coordinate and exchange information with other OSD officials, heads of the DoD Components, and other Federal officials having collateral or related functions.

c. Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, when practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

2. Other OSD officials and heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the ATSD(IO) on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions cited in section D., above.

#### F. AUTHORITIES

The ATSD(IO) is hereby delegated authority to:

1. Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (l)), as necessary, in carrying out assigned functions.

2. Communicate directly with the heads of the DoD Components and, with notification to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the Commanders of the Unified Combatant Commands, as necessary, in carrying out assigned functions.

3. Request such temporary assistance from the DoD Components as may be required for the conduct of inspections or investigations, to include personnel,

facilities, and other services. Requests for needed support shall be made in accordance with established procedures.

4. Communicate directly with the Intelligence Oversight Board of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, the Director of Central Intelligence, other Federal officials, representatives of the legislative branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.

5. Have complete and unrestricted access to all available **intelligence-**related information, regardless of classification or compartmentation, from all DoD Components and personnel, as required, in carrying out assigned functions. This includes specifically the authority to:

(a) Require an Inspector General or other cognizant investigative official of a DoD Component to report allegations of improprieties or illegalities of intelligence activities by, or within, a DoD Component; and

(b) Obtain information on the status, proceedings, and findings or to obtain copies of reports of investigations or inspections of such allegations.

6. Deal directly with the head of the element inspected or investigated, conduct interviews, take depositions, and examine records incident to an inspection or investigation of any DoD Component, as required, in carrying out assigned functions.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

Enclosure  
References



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REFERENCES, continued

- (e) DoD 5240.1-R, "Procedures Governing the Activities of DoD Intelligence Components that Affect United States Persons," December 1982, authorized by DoD Directive 5240.1, April 25, 1988
- (f) Executive Order 12863, "President's Intelligence Advisory Board," September 13, 1993
- (g) DoD Directive 5240.2, "Department of Defense Counterintelligence, " June 6, 1983
- (h) DoD Directive 5240.12, "Department of Defense Intelligence Commercial Activities," December 2, 1992
- (i) DoD Directive S-5205.1, "Acquisition and Reporting of Information Relating to National Security (U)," January 31, 1983
- (j) DoD Directive S-5210.36, "Provision of DoD Sensitive Support to DoD Components and Other Departments and Agencies of the U. S. Government (U)," June 10, 1986
- (k) DoD Directive 5106.1, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," March 14, 1983
- (l) DoD Directive 8910.1, "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993